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St. John the Baptist Parish

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Dec. 16th, 2018: Third Sunday Advent

REV. SHERWIN MONTERON

Pastor

Deacon Billy Graham, Secretary
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Karen Day, Youth Director

Parish Council

Bill Schaffer Jason Poiroux
Jim Jackson Autumn Bowden
Jack Wright Jay Graham

Finance Council

Paula Dyess Paulette Cauley
Carol Voss

MASSES

Weekdays: Tuesday 5:30 P.M.
Wednesday 7:30 A.M.
Thursday 7:45 A.M.
Friday 7:45 A.M.
Vigil Mass Saturday 5:00 P.M.
SUNDAY MASS 10:00 A.M.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Weekdays by Appointment
Saturday 4:30 P.M.
Sunday 9:30 A.M.

BAPTISM

By Appointment

MATRIMONY

Contact the Office 6 months before the celebration

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK

Anytime: Please call the Office

ROSARY

Every Wednesday before Mass

ADORATION

Every Wednesday before Mass. Every 1st Wednesday at 5:30 pm.

Funerals

Call the office before making plans with the funeral director.



Readings: Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45;

The drama of the Gospel presents four actors: the Old Testament, personified in Elizabeth; the New Testament, represented by the young Virgin; divine Grace incarnate, present in the Virgin's pregnancy, and John the Baptist, in Elizabeth's womb. Of the four, John takes the initiative; he moves behind the scene, leaps or dances in his mother's womb as he celebrates God's presence in Mary's womb. This cast of four suits us because, to some degree, we find ourselves there. The old self is Elizabeth, barren but now open to new frontiers. The fruit of her pregnancy is a child who moves under the vision and the impulse that is felt in the encounter with the Mother of Grace. We call this impulse conversion. Everyone receives life, painted in chiaroscuro – with darkness and light, possibilities and barriers – and many people get stuck in the same program, entangled in stale feelings, barraged by habitual disappointments, chained by habits or attitudes. The Old Testament teaches that we cannot free ourselves; God takes the initiative to save us. But once upon a time our humanity, without putting conditions to God's grace, responded in the person of the Blessed Virgin. Humanity personified in John, previously trapped in a dark, enslaved history, begins to walk, run, and jump in the presence of God's grace, incarnate in the Virgins womb. God's untiring love for us is a story of hope, because who does not long to move ahead and get free from the habitual rut? Who does not want to enjoy the freedom of grace? It is a story of faith and courage that inspires us to be conscious of and live the Christmas holidays and liturgies that celebrate God's birth in history and in our lives.

Stewardship for December 9, 2018 – Regular: \$ 3,816.00 / Retired Religious: \$287.00 / Flower Fund \$185.00

SCAM ALERT

IMPORTANT SECURITY MESSAGE: Lately there have been several occurrences of Internet Scammers pursuing members of Little Flower Parish for money. They have tried to contact parish members under a fake email address, claiming to be Fr. Lynes. This is a very common scam. The scammer will often try to ask for payment in gift cards (specifically Apple iTunes cards), or via a wire transfer account (such as MoneyGram). Please know that requests like these would never come from our clergy and should be treated as a scam. If you do receive an email like this, do NOT delete it. (The police need the information from it to trace it to the originator). Contact the FBI online to report it, <https://www.ic3.gov/complaint/default.aspx>, at their Internet Crime Complaint Center(IC3) online or call 1- 800- CALLFBI.

Known December Birthdays


1 st : Eugene Poiroux	15 th : Rachel Poiroux
7 th : Christy Brown	16 th : Carol Voss
11 th : Amber Odom	17 th : Lynda Jones
11 th : Judy Poiroux	21 st : Sylvia Gray
11 th : Michelle Cook	25 th : James Long
11 th : Karen Diamond	28 th : LaShea Payne
11 th : Joe Gable	28 th : Mary Jackson
13 th : Jimmy Holland	29 th : Ingrid Glennon
14 th : Dana Baker	31 st : Louis Jones

Known December Anniversaries

5th: Karen and Gary Day
10th: Carol and Johnnie Tate
13th: Michelle and Michael Cook
15th: Becky and Patrick Murray
21st: Carol and Terry Roberts
29th: Betty Jane and Chuck Pierce

Pray for the special intentions of those serving in the Armed Forces: Brent Smith, Travis Wilson, SPC Jackson Triston, Jr., Captain Will Hurd, Bryant Bailey & Zachery Bailey.

Pray for the eternal repose of the deceased members of the parish: Pat Borne, Pat Marchand, Addie Thompson, Chris Potter, Kenney Smith, James Cauley, Werner Bidlingmaier, Joe Penton, Richard Boswell, Mickey Poirier, Louis Poiroux, Louise Marchand, Carolyn Bidlingmaier, Kenny Kirchoff, Voncille Hulcher, Mary Nicholas Rambo, Paul Delmas, Cody Driskell, Evelyn Robison, Jean Mitchell, Veretta Tulos, Jim Kimble, Lynn Poirier, Phillip Marchand, Sue Kirchoff, Mary Sanders, Margaret Jackson, Catherine Schnadelbach, Darlene Alexander, Rick Marchand, Steve Sema, Sr., Mary Marchand and Sis Marchand.

 Ida Clark, Penny Dupont, Sara Thornton, Andrea Graham, Sister Luella Dominic Petry O. P., Javi Howell, Frank Pigorsch, Dr. Allen Roberts, Sister Stephanie Sema-SSMI, Doug Jones, Paullette Cauley, Joe Gable, Ann Gable, Lenny Motykiewicz, Lynn Goodwin, Bill Dixon, Tom Thornton, Monica Ziemann Knight, Ron Cauley, Ali Stringfellow Ray, Lisa Kloechener, Valeria Wallace, Donnie Wilson, Bobby McManus, Vernon Lepre, Joe Watts, Sean Guillotte, Michelle Cook, Oliver (Toby) Thompson, Reggie Stewart, Anna Weber, Linda Graham, Nonie Reed, Betty Gunter, Tiffany Fontenot, Jimmy Marchand, Joe Ecker, Glenn Boney, Aubrey Nichols, Ann Vick, Wayne Seymour, Frances Walley, H. Sanders, Cora Grigsby, Patricia Davis, Maurine Habley, Ray Thornton, Alice Skutack, Joe Whitson, Cory Moncrief, Carolyn Collier, Vicenta Obsenares, Rachel Vallas, Harland Broussard, Edgar Gunter, Victoria Porter, Jonathan Cruz, Gennie Garret, Becky Thompson, Bob Echement, Lilly Breaux, James Wink, Mike Wilson, Roger Young, Leyah White.

Drawing to help the Improvement Projects Campaign

The Ladies Auxiliary is raffling a 27” tall Geppedo Ceramic Doll donated by Paulette Cauley, to raise funds to help offset the cost of the improvement projects around the campus. The doll is numbered and certified and the tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. The drawing will be Sunday December 23rd after the 10 am. Mass.

RCIA Instructions - RCIA Instructions are taught every Thursday at 6:00 pm.

Mass intentions

Mass Intentions for the week of Dec. 15 thru 21, 2018
15th: -- For the eternal repose of the souls of all deceased members of the parish
16th: -- For the intentions of all members of the parish
18th, 19th, 20th & 21st: For the eternal repose of the souls of deceased relatives and friends of Adele Logan

Weekend of December 22 & 23, 2018

Mass Ministers:

	5:00 pm Sat.	10:00 am Sun.
EMCH:	Rhonda Cauley Linda Graham	Matt Johnson Elsa McBride
Lectors:	Kathie Sema Steve Sema, Jr.	Paullette Cauley John McBride
Altar Servers:	Volunteer	Volunteers
Ushers:	Steve Cauley Kevin Cauley Chuck Pierce Wayne Jackson	Mike Marchand Mike Courtney Avis Garrett Tom Thornton

Altar Care & Church Cleaning

Altar Care: December 2018
Ruth Pigorsch
Church Cleaning: December 22 & 23, 2018
Elsa McBride & Tammy Fontenot

Youth and CRE

The youth and CRE students are celebrating a children’s Mass this weekend at 8:30 am on Sunday morning, December 9th. CRE classes will be taught after the 8:30 am. Mass and during the 10:00 am Mass.

The Ladies Auxiliary:

The Alabama State Council of the K of C Ladies Auxiliary are inviting all Catholic women of Alabama to apply for one of two \$750 scholarships. For details, please see the announcement posted on the bulletin board in the church hall.

Homebound Mass Filming:

The next Homebound Mass Filming will take place January 2, 2019 at a yet to be determined location. Once the location is determined please come out and help make this Mass special for the homebound.

Nursing Home Outreach:

Every First Friday of the Month there is a Mass celebrated at the Grand Bay Convalescent Home at 10:00 A.M. Please note that will celebrate a Christmas Mass on Friday, December 21st at 10:00 am for the residents of the Convalescent be a second Mass in December to celebrate Christmas with the residents. **Join US!**

House Blessings

We highly encourage **House Blessings**. Please call Father Sherwin to schedule the blessing of your home.

Mass Intention Cards are available at the office.

Events/Announcements for Week beginning December 15, 2018

- 1) **We wish to thank everyone** who contributed to the renovation fund for the Confessional. The work is progressing very nicely and should be completed very soon. Thank you for your contributions.
- 2) **The Ladies Auxiliary** is raffling off a 27” tall Geppedo doll to help raise funds for the improvement projects going on around the parish. See the bulletin for details.
- 3) **Contribution Envelopes** are out on the tables in the Church Hall. Please take your box of envelopes.
- 4) **Church Calendars for 2019** are available. Please take one for your home.
- 5) **The Parish Council** will meet on Monday, December 17th at 7:30 pm in the parish hall.
- 6) **Remember that Christmas Day and New Year’s Day are both Holidays of obligation.** Be sure to celebrate those days by attending Mass. The Mass schedule for those days are as follows: **Christmas Mass Schedule** has a 6:00 pm Children’s Mass on December 24th and Mass on Christmas Day will be at 10:00 am. **The New Year’s Mass Schedule** has a 5:00 pm. Vigil Mass on December 31st and a 10:00 am Morning Mass on January 1st.
- 7) **Grand Bay Convalescent Home** will have a Christmas Mass celebrated on Friday December 21st at 10 am.
- 8) **Be Sure to see the “Scam Alert”** in our bulletin concerning scammers pursuing members of Little Flower Parish for money.
- 9) **Known Birthdays:** 15th: Rachel Poiroux, 16th: Carol Voss, 17th: Lynda Jones, 21st: Sylvia Gray, **Known Anniversaries:** 15th: Becky & Patrick Murray, 21st: Carol & Terry Roberts